



# ***RACING INSTRUCTIONS***

UKOPRA - ROUND 1

**MDL MARINAS SHAMROCK**

# **ROUNDBOAT** **THE** **ISLAND**

15 - 16 MAY  
2026

SHAMROCK QUAY - SOUTHAMPTON





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## TIDE:

High Water at Cowes	Fri 15 May 26	10:40	4.02m
	Sat 16 May 26	11:24	4.14m

## TIMETABLE:

### Friday 15 May 2026

12:00	Onwards	Teams arrive	Shamrock Quay Marina
12:00	17:00	Race Admin	Shamrock Quay Marina
12:00	17:00	Scrutineering	Shamrock Quay Marina
14:00	22:00	Welcome Aboard – Dockside Drinks	Mumfords Bar, Shamrock Quay Marina

### Saturday 16 May 2026

08:00		Drivers Briefing	Race Control, Shamrock Quay Marina
09:00		Safety Briefing	Race Control, Shamrock Quay Marina
10:45		Race boats depart	Shamrock Quay Marina
11:30		Muster	NE of East Lepe Buoy
12:00	13:00	Start 1 - Classes 1, 1L, 2	East Lepe Buoy
12:10	14:00	Start 2 - Class 3	East Lepe Buoy
14:30		Racing complete	
16:00	16:30	Podium presentations	Race Control, Shamrock Quay Marina
19:30	00:00	Parc Fermé After Dark Party	Banana Wharf, Ocean Village

### Sunday 17 May 2026

09:00	12:00	Event breakdown	Shamrock Quay Marina
12:00		Marina clear	

## UKOPRA RACE OFFICIALS:

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## INDEMNITY & RISK STATEMENT (UKOPRA EVENTS)

All Participants in the Event compete entirely at their own risk. By signing on to the Event, Participants confirm that they have read, understood, and agree to be bound by this Indemnity and Risk Statement. Participation is conditional upon such acceptance, and entries are accepted strictly on this basis.

### 1. Compliance

I agree to comply with:

- The UKOPRA 2026 Rules;
- The Race Instructions and any supplementary regulations, official bulletins or instructions issued by the Organising Committee or UKOPRA; and
- All directions given by officials, scrutineers, marshals, and safety personnel.

These parties shall include the United Kingdom Offshore Powerboat Racing Association (UKOPRA), the Organising Committee, sponsors, venue operators, and all their respective officials, servants, agents, and representatives (the “**Indemnified Parties**”).

### 2. Acknowledgement of Risk

I understand and acknowledge that powerboat racing is by its nature a dangerous sport and inherently involves significant risks, including but not limited to:

- Drowning, hypothermia, and exposure;
- Collision, impact, and injuries;
- Fire, burns, and mechanical failure;
- Damage to vessels and equipment;
- Serious injury or death.

I voluntarily accept and assume all such risks in entering and participating in the Event.

### 3. Responsibility

I confirm that:

- I have the necessary skill, knowledge, and experience to participate safely;
- I will not participate whilst under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or while otherwise unfit;
- I am responsible for my own safety and that of my crew, team, and passengers;
- I am responsible for the seaworthiness and safe operation of my vessel;
- I am responsible for all equipment, including helmets and racing vests;
- The management, condition, and insurance of my boat are solely my responsibility.

I acknowledge that:

- Scrutineering is not a condition survey and does not relieve me of responsibility;
- Race management, patrol boats, and safety cover are provided as practical support only and do not remove or reduce my responsibilities;
- Marshall boat assistance may be limited, particularly in adverse conditions;
- The decision to start or continue racing is solely mine.



## 4. Indemnity

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties from and against all actions, claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs, and expenses arising out of or in connection with:

- My entry into or participation in the Event (including practice);
- The conduct, acts, or omissions of myself or any member of my team (including drivers, crew, mechanics, and support personnel);
- Any loss of or damage to property, including boats and equipment;
- Any injury, illness, or death sustained by any person.

## 5. Acceptance

I agree to be bound by the conditions of the Race Entry Form, these Race Instructions, and the decisions of the Organising Committee and appointed officials.

## Final Statement

**The responsibility and final decision to participate in this Event rests solely with the Competitors.**

## RACE

The Round the Island Race is sanctioned and approved by UKOPRA.

The MDL Marinas Shamrock Round the Island race will be run under UKOPRA's rules and regulations together with these Race Instructions and any other instructions issued before or at Drivers' Briefings or in Race Bulletins.

The Organisers reserve the right to change these Instructions at any time for safety reasons, provided that any change will be in accordance with the current rules.

The Organisers reserve the right to decline race entries prior to the cut-off point. The Organisers also reserve the right to accept race entries after the cut-off point.

Competitors will be notified of any changes in a Race Bulletin and announced at Drivers' Briefing.

The MDL Marinas Shamrock Round the Island race will count as Round 1 of 5 of the UKOPRA 2026 Championship.

## LICENCES

All competitors must hold a 2026 UKOPRA Racing License.

The maximum number of crew on board is 6, the minimum age for all racing crewmembers is 18 years old, (17 years old Class 3D subject to rule 1.1).

Throughout the event, only current Licence holders are allowed on board competing boats when underway.



## COMPETITORS' RESPONSIBILITY

All competitors must read the Risk Statement and Indemnity and have read and understood the 2026 UKOPRA Rules - <https://www.ukopra.org/rules>

By signing the race entry form and the UKOPRA official signing on form at the event all competitors are bound by UKOPRA Rules.

It is the Competitor's sole responsibility to decide whether to start or continue in a race once passed scrutineering.

**It is the responsibility of the 'Driver' or 'Skipper' of any race boat or marshal/support boat to leave an exclusion zone of at least 25 meters when passing any navigational aid during the race.**

## LAUNCHING

Assisted launching is at a premium this season. If you can slip or arrive independently by water that would be preferable. **Please ensure you launching method is logged on your race entry via the Portal.**

**Craning** - Arrive at Shamrock Quay Marina by road. Go through the barrier, continue past Race Control on your right and the marina office on your right, the powerboat holding area will be straight ahead.

**DO NOT go straight to Drivers Dry Berthing Ltd, or arrange to do so with them.** A system will be in place for you to be sent from the holding area at Shamrock Quay Marina to Drivers when they are ready for you to enable most efficient practice.

**Forks** - If your boat is up to 10m in length and appropriate to do so, you may be asked to go to Saxon Wharf Marina and launched by marine forklift to relieve pressure on Drivers. **But still go to Shamrock Quay holding area and await instructions.**

**Slipping** - Various slipways are available in the area, the closest non-tidal on the mainland is at Calshot Activity Centre.

## TRANSIT TO MUSTER

See attached transit instructions, further details will be given at Drivers Briefing.

## START PROCEDURE

See UKOPRA Rules – 4.4 – Start Procedure, further details will be given at Drivers Briefing.

## FINISH PROCEDURE

See UKOPRA Rules – 4.9 – Race Finish, further details will be given at Drivers Briefing.



## RETIREMENT

In the event of retirement:

1. An orange flag must be displayed
2. If urgent assistance is required, the orange flag should be waved then:
3. Radio Safety Officer on VHF Channel 37a / M1 or telephone +44 7721 694 135

## FLAG SIGNALS

All flag signals are fully described in UKOPRA Rules and Class specific rules where differences occur.

All competitors must have a full understanding of all flag signals.

If a Competitor fails to acknowledge 2 flags in any one race, they will immediately be disqualified.

The Curtailment Flag will be Code Flag 'S' (blue rectangle on white background).

## TRACKERS

Trackers are mandatory for all races and will be issued to you after the driver's briefing, the trackers will be switched on and ready to go.

It is your responsibility to collect your tracker, fix it securely to your craft in an area which can clearly receive a signal from telecoms mast (Canopy or partial canopy boats – this must be securely fixed outside the cockpit area).

It is also mandatory to return your tracker after the race, to Race Control where it will be checked back in.

Damage or loss of any tracker will be charged at £500.00

## POST RACE SIGNING OFF:

The Driver or Co-Driver must sign off at Race Control as soon as possible, failing that, by telephone to Race Secretary +44 7931 252 940

Failure to do so within one hour of finishing the race may result in exclusion from the results.

## PROTESTS

**Before Race Briefing**      Against another competitor's eligibility

£500.00 to be lodged with Race Admin which will be refunded in the event of a successful protest.

**After the race**      On the posting of provisional results, a period of 1 hour will allow for the submission of protest or on-water actions.

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**A Protest Jury will be selected from 3 UKOPRA license holders.**



## HOSPITALITY

### Friday 15 May

#### **Welcome Aboard – Dockside Drinks**

'Mumford's Bar' sponsored by Mumford Marine & Wight Knuckle Brewery will be open from 13:00 onwards in the Race Paddock.

Lunch and light bites will be available from the Yellow Welly Café on site until 15:00.

'Liguori's Wood Fired Pizza Van' will be joining the Race Paddock and open for business from 15:00 into the evening to keep you fed.

### Saturday 16 May

Breakfast, lunch & beverages available from the Yellow Welly Café for pre-briefing fuelling and post-race replenishment, until late afternoon.

'Mumford's Bar' sponsored by Mumford Marine & Wight Knuckle Brewery will be open again 13:00 – 19:00 in the Race Paddock.

#### **Parc Fermé After Dark Party**

Venue - Banana Wharf, Ocean Village Marina.

Set against the vibrant backdrop of Ocean Village Marina, the Parc Fermé After Dark Party at Banana Wharf offers the perfect way to unwind and celebrate following an adrenaline-fueled race. As engines cool and the sun sets, guests can enjoy a lively waterfront atmosphere with great music, refreshing drinks, and stunning marina views. Bringing together teams, supporters, and spectators, this exclusive after-party captures the energy of race day and carries it into the night.

Each team will receive 2 complimentary tickets per competitor (in the boat). Additional tickets are available at £22 each, pre-order here <https://www.ukopra.org/events>

Enjoy!

